Our Obligations to Love G.

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Math. 22:37. 38—Jes: said unto him, Thou shalt Love ye L. thy G.—with all thy h.—with all thy Soul—& with all thy m.—— This is ye first & Great Command=

An Inord. Self Love is ye G. Corruption of ye h. of m.—& ye fruit. Source of all ye Vices of ye Law of G= In co[illegible] we are allur. by ye Prosp. of Pleas. or Adv.= This introduc. ye [illegible] Apost. & tempt. ye first Par.—to dep. f. G. ye Auth. of B.= They Imagn. they sh. bec. as G.—by eat. ye Prohib. fruit—& enj. an hap. independ. on ye Maker= The corrupt Dispos. still Prevails in H. of Men= To gratify ye Ambit. or Avarice—to Please ye irreg. Appet. & Inclin.—We transg. L. H.—Insp. ye fall. Creat.= Thes. ye Apost. describ. ye Impiet. of ye last times tells us yt m. sh. be lov. of Pleas. m. y. G.== abov. Self L. wh. is ye Source of all ye Depravit. of Man= To recov. us to ye Sup. Love of G.—& to Love ev. G. else Acc. to ye Ord. yt he h. App.—is ye G. Desig. of ye Gosp.= Jesus said= In speak.—I h.— Expl. ye Nat. of ye Love of G.—I have Exe. ye G. Gra.—I am now to consid. (A.D.) ye Oblig. to Obey ye. his L. & G.== The Absol. Perf. h. Nat. Rend. h. Worth. of ye hig. Love== He Alone is ye Sup. Good of all h. Intellig. Creat.== All ye B. we Enj. are deri. f. h. as ye Orig. fount.=‡ If we Choose h. for ye Port. he bestows upon us m. Inestim. fav. in ye Pres. Life== He will m. us compl. & Immed. B. in ye fut. W.=‡ of ye (A.D.) in ye Ord=

I The Absolute Perf. h. Nat. Rend. h. Worth. of our hig. Love= The Constit. of o. Nat.—inclin. us to Est. Beaut. & Excel.—where. we discern it= & by a sweet but Powerf. Const. Attract ye Affect.= Now all m. Ackn. yt G. is ye Sup. Beaut., Absol. & Perf. Good.= He Poss. all ye Excel.—wh. can dig. a Reas. Creat.= & App. in h. in ye hig. Lust. & G.= All ye Endear. Qualit. wh. we Adm. in Creat.—are b. a faint Im. h. wh. is n. on. great. B. m. Lov. B.= H. Pow. is Inf.—h. Wisd. Unsearch.—h. Good. Unlimi. h. Just. Impart.—h. Faithf. Unchang.= He is consum. Good. wh. adm. mixt. Ev.—ye fount. of Light—wh. adm. shad. of Darkn.= These Ad. Exc. Insp. ye Ang. wh. surr. throne of G. wh. Perpet. Anth. Praise—& fill ye Sp. of just men m. Perf. wh. unutt. transp. & Joy= If we Love G. for ye Absol. & Inf. Perf. h. Nat.—ye Love is m. Pure & disinter.—ye Natu. we Perform. ye Inhab. H.== All h. Ad. Attrib. deserve Esteem & Venerat.= We Magnif. ye Almi. Pow.—wh. form. ye Univ.—by an Act of h. Will & E. dest. it in a Mom. in h. hig. Displeas.= We Adm. ye Unfathom. Wisd.—wh. Adjust. ye Var. Parts wh. exact. Symetry—& Preserv. ye Universe in ye App. Ord.= We Rev. ye Inf. Und. wh. disc. ye Secr. Motiv.—& is Acq. wh. secr. Springs of all ye Acti.= B. we Princip. del. in h. Mor. Perf.—Just. Good. & truth= Alm. Pow.—Unsearch. Wisd. & Unlimit. Good. form ye Grand. & wh. Am. Ch. we can—

He n. on. Susp. h. Deserv. Vengea.—B. by dear. Ind. h. Good.—all. us to Ret. to h.—ye on. Port. & Happ.= B. O! in wh. Aston. wa. h. he Provid. f. ye Recov. f. a state of Sin & D.—beyd. Miracle of Love h. he Prep. wa. for ye Readmiss. h. fal. Crea. The Son of G. h. App. up. E. as ye Messi. of Grac.—& h. off. up. h. Vict. to Answ. Dem. of h. Just.= And h. a full Rand. is Publish. to Cond. Malef.—free Salv. tend. to ye Great. of Sin.= all Wi. Excep. Invit. to Choose G. for ye Allsuff. Port.— & are ass. of Grac. Accept. thro. ye Ch.= If we Accept off. h. Love—He deliv. us f. Vass. in Sat.—Ad. us to Dig. Happ. Sons G.= from Consid. of w. we bec. D. of h. [illegible] G.= N[illegible] D. all. me to ask ye Do n. ye Aston. fav. dem. ye Grat. & Love= wh. doe he dispense h. B. wh. a Const. & Unspar. h.— B. ye by h. Good. he m. All. us to h.= Shall n. such a Cont. Scene of Unexpr. fav. to Ungrat. Mort.—Capt. ye h.—Eng. us to Love ye B. Benef.=

It is Also allow. ye Love is on. Prop. Ret. for Love= Wh. I consid. ye Adm. Struct. of Bod. wh. Cov. us ye wo. h. Benevol. H.= That he n. on. fram. & fashion. wh. Exq. Art—B. ye it is w. Mom. Maint. & Support. by h. Un. Pow.= Wh. I Reflect ye in h. I live= wh. all ye Var. of Enj. m. Rend. m. Prot. H. of Exist. Agr.= Wh. I call to m.—ye By h. B. Grac. I am Invit. Freed. to Part. n. on. of ye B. of time—b. Rich. E.—m. n. m. N. be Inflam. w. ye m. Grat. Sention.—m. m. Consi. & Gen. Benefact.= m. Ind. Ret. wh. Perf. Degrd. [illegible] in m. Affect.= m. I not be Animat. wh. Zeal for Hon. h. Name—& Adv. h. Kingd.= M. it not be m. Nobl. Employ. to commend h. Good.—& Adv. h. self to h. Serv.= If I am Sensib. of ye Might. Oblig. m. I not be m. Insens. ye Ox ye Brut. Creat. wh. knows ye Mast.—& cheerf. serve th. yt feeds ym= Shall m. ye L. of ye Creat. W.—be m. Ungratef. yn ye [illegible] Anim. wh. Dest. of Reas. Unders. [illegible] of [illegible] Anim. of Name. ye base & Deg. Creat.= St. John tells us yt We love G. bec. he h. first Lov. us= Shall we n. Love h.— wh. call. us int. B.—& Endu. us wh. all ye Ex. Pow. & Capac. of ye Nat.= wh. Compass. Care h. Extend. towa. ye Me. in Womb—wh. Merc. h. Attend. us ev. Mom. of ye Lives= Wh. Pit. us Notwi. ye Ungrate. Ap. f. h.—Plac. h. affect. upo. us wh. we Deserv. h. hat.—wh. h. giv. h. Belov. Son to die for us—wh. h. Pat. born wh. Repeat. Rebel.—& still Op. Arms h. Merc. to Rec. ye Return. Sin.= Wh. h. Raise. up h. Son J. to be Prince & S. & is Commad. all End.—ye m. desti. Mis. Creat. to look unto him= If we hearken to h. Voice he Absolv. us f. ye Aggrav. G.—He Adopt us int. h. Head fam— He cleans. us f. ye Pollut. of ye Corrupt. Nat.—He dwell in us by ye Sec. Infl. h. Sp.—& gives us ye Unspe. Prom. of Comp. E. Fel. in h. h. G.== Have E. we Exp. ye Grat. to h. but give h. sup. Place in ye Aff.= ye h. are o. Ch. treas.—G. is ye Saint. he dem.— This is h. Compass. Voice to all—G. Ad.—Son give me Shall we n. all G. wi. One Consent Decl.= Lord I Ackn. ye Claim—& ye Comm. I give ye h. to G.— & is Unworth. Accept.= Take posses. by ye. G. Animat. it & Relive—Tim. be forev. Conse. to ye G.= Amen & Amen

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posit: Condn = This is ye Idea we are to form of ye G: Creat: — ye Dig: & Merit: Good: — Vast Imposs: w= His infinit: Benev: also Inclin: him to Commun: hap to all Creat: he h: m: as far as is consist: w: ye Et: Laws of Ord: = His Just: is Employ to pres: ye hon h: Gov: — Wis: is Spent: Necess: to Pres: Beaut: & Harm: Syst: = These Unit: Excell: Loud Dem: ye high: Esteem & Sup: Affect: = If ye faint Im: of ye Perf in creat: att: ye Esteem — & w: Adm & Delight sh: we contempl: of w: is ye grand Exemplar Excellen Desir = Just Concept: of ye Deit: m: conv: us ye he is ye Worth: Obj of ye m: devot: Affect: — ye he is to be Prefer: to all oth: B: = Especi:

II We Consid: ye he on: is ye Sup: Good of h: Intellig: Creat: = a Des: of hap: is deep Implant in hum: Nat — & com: to m: of all Ord: Deg & Ch: = To know wherin ye true Hap: Consi: is an Import Point of Wisd: — a Mist: here is of ye m: dang: Conseq: = ye Hap: in time & Et: dep: on ye Choice we m: of ye Sup: Good = Noth: E: desir o ye Denominat: — b: w: will leave no unsatisfy Des: & abide w: us thro ye Period of Exist: = T: hence ye I m: Necess: conclude ye: ye is None in h or E: b: G: ye is Worth: of m: Choice = in h: alone ye is an Assemb: of all ye: Excell: — w: are Essential to m: hap: = of h: full: I m: Rec: ye Pleas & Satisf: w: m: soul insatiab: Asp: aft: = In V: do we stand T: Mount: to hill — in search of hap: am: ye Var: Ord: Creat: = Cont: Exp: Discov: ye all to be Van: & Vex: Sp: = They are n: suit: to ye Wants — Nor Adeq: to ye Des: of an Im: born Immort: M: = They are deceitful dest: of Subst: & Realit: = ye Prom: fair b: disapp: ye Expect: = B: G: is an Assur: Good — in h: ye is w ye we want — w: G: w: is ye Obj: of a Ral: Des: = = If ye Covet: m: Idoliz: — h: Silv: & Gold — If a libe place ye hap: in Indulg: ye Extravag: L: — If ye gay p: of m: spend ye Days in Sport: Divers = ye Am of ye w: [illegible] Dream = [illegible] ye awake to ye Sol: Exe of Reas: — & see ye: in a true Light — ye will be deep sens: of ye foll: — & be w: ye disapp: w: ye Sev: Tem: = ye we Place ye Affect: Up: men — We oft meet w: no Ret: but Ingrat: = At best ye are unab: to deliv us f: ye Mis: We End: — to best: Up: us ye Hap: we Des: = Hum: friend: are Subj: to Var: of Changes — & m: all be dissolv: by D: = The Distinct: form: by B: or E: — a Life spent in Pomp & Pleas: — will afford me no Satisf: — w: m: Bod: is rack w: Pain — w: ye lie languish: on B: D: — & m: Ent Nat: w: sp: = If I Place m: Sup: affect: Up: ye Creat: — I m: justly in a little time be left dest: Mis: = B: if I give ye ye Empt: m: h: — he is an Unfail: & Satis Port: = He is ye Inexhaust: fount: of L: — T: w: all m: wants shall be suppl: — & m: m: Enlarg: Des: abundant satisf: = He is w: on ye G: of m: bright: D: — b: ye Supp & Comf: m: Dark: Nights = w: all creat: gl: shall Van: f: sight — I sh: beh: h: Maj: Pres: — w: fill ye Inhab: of Heav: with unutt: transp: = w: Desir: of w: Earth: Enj: — I sh: be happ: in ye Uninterrupt Enj: h: Love = Not to Love G: ye — is to Renoun ye Glor for w: I w: Origin: design: — & w: I m: cal: out: by a Compliance w: Condescend: Propos: Gosp: = Resolv: ye O my Soul w: Unfeig: Sour: ups: ye Greatn: ye Goodn h: ess: h: G: sought ye hap: in Creat: — w: E: or be out: in ye G: Creat: w: is G: B: = M: disquiet h: E: Need find Rest — till I ford: all ye: ye Vani: — attach m: self to G: as ye on: Ultim: hap: m: Nat = In a Rel: to G: as m: Sov: G: — in a delib: Choice of h: as m: Sup: Good — [illegible] a thankf: [illegible] of ye h: Grac: — in cheerf: Subj: to ye L: h: Gov: — I shall find ye Peace Satisf: — w: I seek aft in b: Ped: oth Quart: = = O thou first — G: m: Am: B: = disclos to me m: G: E: G: = capt: m: h: w: Inest Ch: G: Love = From G: alone w: art ye Source of all Good — m: I Rec: all ye I want — to Enlight: m: benight: Und: — to calm m: guilt: fear — to scatt: m: Anx: Doubts — to guide me thro ye dreary Wild: — & fin: bring me to ye Mans: of Light & Joy w: G: h: Prep: for ye Chos: Peop: = Wh: oth: are Engag: w = Let ye: be ye Unfeig: Lang m: h: Lord Lift up = Comf me w: ye Jud: — Let me joy w: ye Glad: G: m: = G: all m: Salv: =

As G: is n: on: ye Sup: Good of h: Intellig Creat b: all ye B: we Enj: are deriv: f: as G: Orig: found: = He is ye Fath: of Lights from w: descend: ev good = The Gifts of Nat — ye Bount: Provid: — ye Rich of Gra— are ye free Commun: of h: Underserv: Good: = We Poss: Noth: w: we h: n: Rec: — We Enj: Noth: w: we h: not forfeit: a Thous: times = The Course of Nat: w: preserv: ye Unit: in its Beautif: Ord: — is n: ye Eff of Chance b: Appt: of a Wise & grac: Sov: w: Perf all ye: Acc: to ye Counsel = ye B: of h: Peace — Plent h: Lend ye Lives Comfort: up: E: — are n: to be ascrib to w: w: calls Good fort: — b: to ye all dispos: Provid of G: — w: direct all Ev: w: Unerr: Rect: = These Bod: are ye Workm: h: = ye Curious Adjustm: of ye Sev Parts to ye Good of ye Wh: discov: ye Exq: Contriv of ye Alm: & Benif: Creat: = Well m: ye Psalm: break forth int: transp: Grat: = I will Praise thee for I am fear: = Marvellous are ye w: O L — & ye m: soul know: = He is also ye Fath: of ye Sp: — ye Sou ye Nob Part of ye Nat: is Immed: Offsp: of H: = ye Rea us ab: ye Brut: Herd — & Rend: us Cap: to Kno L: & Enj: — ye W: Fount: of Felic: & Joy = His Uninterrupt h: been h: Care ye Service he Introduc: us into B: = h: Merc: h: flow: down to us in an Unfail: Curr — to Supp: ye Wants — & Pres: us f: ye Numb: Dang to w: Ev: Mom: Exp: = It is Ow: to h: Compass: Good ye ye: frail Bod: h: been preserv: thro such a Var: of Accid: — & ye: ye Lives w: we h: so oft forfeit h: to contin: to ye Pres: Day = W: One of us m Adop: Lang: And: Ch: & say It is of ye L: Merc: = W: we Consid ye Inn: Eff: we h: off: to G: by h: — ye Daul: Viol: of h: Dig: & Hol: Laws = W: Astonishm: m: we Reflect on h: forbear: Goodn = Well m: we join w: Adm: Psalm: & say What is Man = He Supp: ye Insol: Desp: of h: Auth — in h: Alm: Arm = Wh: G: ab: h: fac: — he fills ye h: w: food & Gladn: = Inst: of Mak: G: ye Ins: Mon of h: W: — he loads G: w: Daily Benef: = He not

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